

**CLAIMS:** *This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. *(Currently Amended)*: A fuel dispensing nozzle comprising:

a generally tubular spout attached to said nozzle for directing a fuel supply from a valve within said nozzle to a discharge end of said spout;

an inside surface of said spout in direct contact with said fuel supply;

an outside surface of said spout opposite of said inside surface; and

an endface surface of said spout, said endface surface generally creating a curved and continuous connection between ~~to~~ both said inside surface and said outside surface of said spout.

2. *(Original)* The fuel dispensing nozzle of Claim 1, wherein said endface surface is radial.

3. *(Original)* The fuel dispensing nozzle of Claim 1, wherein said endface surface is elliptical.

4. *(Original)* The fuel dispensing nozzle of Claim 1, wherein said endface surface is biased towards either said outside surface or said inside surface.

5. *(Original)* The fuel dispensing nozzle of Claim 1, wherein said nozzle is a vapor recovery nozzle.

6. *(Cancelled)*

7. *(Original)* The fuel dispensing nozzle of Claim 1, wherein said nozzle is a standard type nozzle.

8. *(Original)* The fuel dispensing nozzle of Claim 1, wherein said endface surface includes one or more axial protrusions.

9. *(Currently Amended)* A method of reducing an amount of residual fuel on a fuel dispensing nozzle, the method comprising:

dispensing a supply of fuel through a generally tubular spout; said spout having an inside surface in close proximity to said fuel supply and an outside surface opposite of said inside surface; and

creating a ~~generally tangent transition~~ curved and continuous endface surface between said inside surface and said outside surface.

10. *(Original)* The method of Claim 9, wherein said transition surface is radial.

11. *(Original)* The method of Claim 9, wherein said transition surface is elliptical.

12. *(Original)* The method of Claim 9, wherein said transition surface includes one or more axial fuel focusing protrusions.

13. *(Original)* The method of Claim 9, wherein said fuel dispensing nozzle is of a vapor recovery type.

14. *(Original)* The method of Claim 9, wherein said tubular spout includes "dripleless" features.

15. *(Cancelled)*